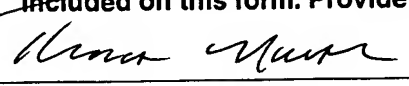
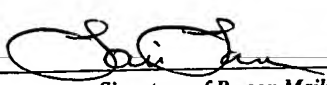


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Invention: IMPLANTABLE HEARING AID TRANSDUCER SYSTEM					
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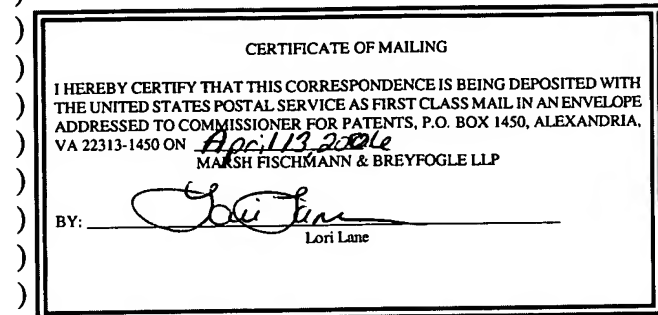
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of October 17, 2005. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$75.00 as the fee for the additional claims presented herein and a check in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the cost of a petition for a 3-month extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: